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The Conference notes that the potential for the peaceful application of nuclear explosions has not been demonstrated and that serious concerns have been expressed about the environmental consequences that could result from the release of radioactivity from the use of such explosions.

The Conference notes that no requests for services related to the peaceful application of nuclear explosions have been received by the IAEA since the Third NPT Review Conference and that no such requests have been directed to the IAEA since the Treaty entered into force.

The Conference confirms that, if the potential for the safe and peaceful application of nuclear explosions were demonstrated and were made available to non-nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty in accordance with Article V, the IAEA would be the appropriate international body through which such applications could be made available.

The Conference notes however that no nuclear-weapon State has an active program for the peaceful application of nuclear explosions.